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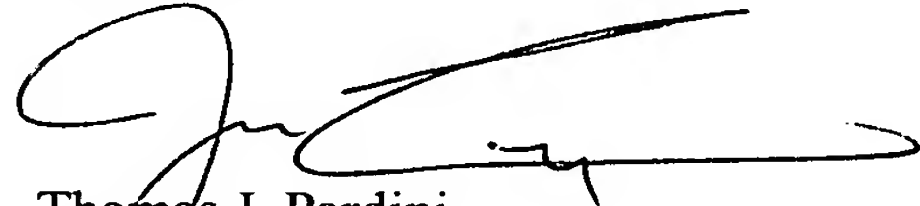
Sir:

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- ☒ 2. The present application was filed or entered the U.S. National Stage of the PCT after June 30, 2003. In accordance with the June 11, 2003, Notice waiving the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2)(i), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 3. An English-language Abstract of the non-English language reference is attached hereto (see 53).
- ☒ 4. The references (see 1-23 and 41-52) were cited by or submitted to the Office in parent patent No. US 6,632,111 B2, filed August 23, 2001, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Thus, copies of these references are not attached. 37 CFR §1.98(d).

- ☒ 5. The U.S. references (see 29-40) and foreign references (see 53 and 54) are cited in a related case, U.S. Patent No. US 6,645,025 B2, filed December 3, 2001. The two foreign references that were not cited in the parent case are attached.

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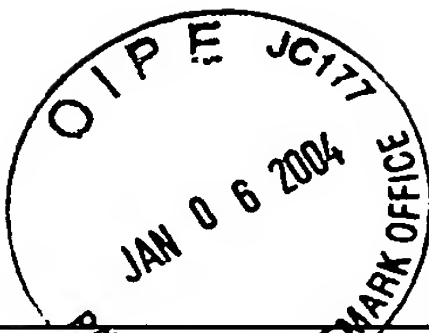
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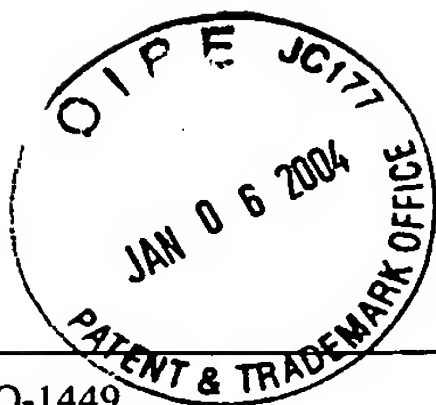
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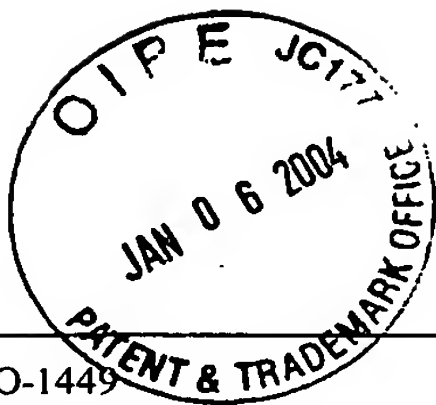
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